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what's happening at the bridge

Our *mission* at the bridge Presbyterian Church is to  
help people

Connect with God's people in your life  
Connect with God's purpose in your life  
Connect with God's passion for your life

## **Ways to Connect with God's *mission* at the bridge**

**Fri. Feb. 7 - 1:00 pm - Women of the bridge**

**Sun. Feb. 9 - 10:00 - One Service -**

Congregational Meeting immediately afterwards

**Sun. Feb. 9 -** Matthew's Ministry Packing after meeting

**Mon. Feb. 10 -** 2:00 pm - Leland House Craft Day

**Tue. Feb. 11 -** 1:00 pm - SBSG Facilitators Training

**Wed. Feb. 12 -** 11:30 am - Power of Prayer Service

**Fri. Feb. 14 -** 10:00 - 2:30 - **Blood Drive**

**Fri. Feb. 14 -** 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm Parent's Night Out

**Wed. Feb. 19 -** 1:00 pm - SoulCollage

**Fri. Feb. 28 -** 10:00 am - Book Club Small Group

## **Weekly Ministry Team Meetings**

**Thu. Feb. 13 -** 1:00 - Mission Team

**Thu. Feb. 13 -** 1:00 - Tech Team

## **Weekly Small Groups**

**Mon. -** 6:00 pm - Boy Scouts and SOS (Siblings of Scouts)

**Tue. -** 10:00 am - Sleep Mats for Homeless

**Tue. -** 7:00 pm - Bridge to Serenity (Al-Anon Group) Meeting

**Tue. -** 7:00 pm - New Attitudes (A.A. Group) Meeting

**Wed. -** 8:00 am - Men's Prayer and Share Small Group

**Sat. -** 7:00 pm - New Attitudes (A.A. Group) Meeting

**Sun. -** 7:30 pm - A.A. Group Meeting

### **The bridge Core Habits**

What does a disciple of Jesus Christ look like at ***the bridge***? Our core habits answer that question. Our core habits are:

*Pray daily - Worship together weekly - Welcome & Include everyone - Belong to a small group -  
Give generously - Cherish children -  
Forgive & reconcile continually - Serve our community*

## **Worship Weekly**

Our own Rev. Cathy Purvis is preaching this Sunday.

**Sermon Title:** "Turning the World Upside Down"

**Scripture Readings:** 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31  
Matthew 5: 1-12

### **Questions:**

- In the Beatitudes (Matthew 5: 1-12) what does the word "Blessed" mean?
- Do you say "Blessed" or "Bless-ed"? And does that make a difference?
- Think about a way that the wisdom of God differs from the wisdom of the world. How do you reconcile that in your own life?
- Paul says that "Christ crucified" is "a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles." What is "Christ crucified" to you?



### **bridge "Notes" from Patty**

I'm excited about "Power of Prayer" at The bridge on Feb 12th. I've been thinking about prayer and how it changes us. Sometimes, when I don't know what to pray, I just say: "Lord have mercy on me" and I know He knows I'm reaching out for Him even though I may not always have the words to say. I hope you'll watch this video of this child praying. It touched my heart this week. I can't wait to see you Sunday!

<https://youtu.be/u7-E3fcYReA>

Patty



## **New Sermon Series: The Gospel of Mark: Unanticipated Good News**

Author N. T. Wright wrote: “News is an announcement that something significant has happened. And good news is what Jesus and his first followers were all about.”

Just what is this good news that Mark proclaimed to the earliest, and often persecuted, Christian communities? Mark wrote his gospel to struggling believers who were asking themselves: Why doesn't God just come down from heaven and make things better? Why are there not more miracles? Why did Jesus teach using such confusing parables? Where's the promised regime change? Is this really good news?

Mark's answer was that the risen Jesus works in the world in unanticipated, surprising, sometimes hidden ways. And the path to discovering these unanticipated, surprising ways of Jesus is by putting one's total trust in this miracle working, parable teaching Messiah. This Lenten season we will look at the unanticipated good news of Jesus in the gospel of Mark

Additionally, Dr. Doug is inviting everyone to purchase Mark for Lent by NT Wright - a daily devotional guide for Lent. The hope is that the entire bridge Presbyterian Church family will use this devotional to guide us through Lent. The culmination of the sermon series will be a presentation of The Gospel of Mark, a one-man drama by acclaimed local actor Ashley Strand on Friday April 17th in worship center.

Sign up for the sermon-based small groups begins this Sunday on the signup table.

## **Available Sermon Based Small Groups - Beginning March 1st**

**Sun. -11:45 am** - Warnock Room at the bridge - Facilitators - Jerry and Teresa Pierce

**Mon. - 1:00 pm** - Room A at the bridge - Facilitator - Cathy Purves

**Tue. - 4:00 pm** - Room A at the bridge - Facilitators - Tom and Greer Broadwater

**Tue. - 6:30 pm** - at 242 Windchime Way (Mag. Greens) - Facilitator - Barbara Hedin

**Wed.- 7:00 pm** - at 1004 Rosea Ct. (Mag. Greens) Co-Facilitators Ruth Hepner/Fran Rumpf

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## **Pray Daily**

- Ann Batten - in hospital multiple health issues
- Rich Hepner - recovering from heart catheterization

**Philippians 4:6-7** *do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

The Power of Prayer Team has written the Peace Prayer. This prayer will be posted on the Church's website and has already posted to our Facebook page so that those of you who use Facebook can easily share with your friends and families.

It is our intent to have this prayer prayed everywhere on Wednesday, February 12, at 12 pm EST. For those of us who attend the bridge, we have a short program planned around the prayer that will take no more than one-half hour here at the church. We are asking that everyone plan to attend this short service which will begin at 11:30 am. Please bring your friends and neighbors. If, however, you can't come to the church on the 12th, join us in prayer from wherever you are. In the meantime, remember to share what the bridge is doing and ask your friends and families to participate.

### **Peace and Power Prayer**

O God of Peace and Power, be active in our world! We are bold to pray for change. Where there is division, mistrust, and anger, inspire unity, hope, and kindness.

Lead and empower individuals, institutions, and nations to seek your will in all things, so that your true and lasting peace may transform our world and our lives.

Give us courage to break down the walls that divide us, to abandon the fear and falsehoods that alienate us from one another, and to recognize that we are all your children.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Philippians 4:7 "And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and

your minds in Christ Jesus."

Psalms 29:11 "May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

# Welcome and Include Everyone

## **Servers for Sunday, Feb. 9th**



### **Ushers**

**10:00 am** – James and Brenda Bozeman, George and Peggy Robertson



### **Greeters**

**10:00 am** - George and Peggy Robertson,  
Clyde and Luana Queen, David Sink



### **Connecting Partners**

**10:00 am** - Suzanne Veen and Joyce Roberts

## **Give Generously**

### **Last Sunday, Feb 2, 2020**

Attendance	138	(4-week average)
Offering	\$ 5,190	(4-week average)
Offering	\$ 5,870	(8-week average)
Actual Attendance	163	
Actual Offering	\$ 5,508	



## Raising the bridge Awareness



As our congregation grows we are finding that more and more people are suffering with allergies, COPD, and other pulmonary diseases. In order to protect their health, we have created SCENT FREE ZONES at the bridge that will create a safe place for them to worship without the threat of encountering scents that might trigger a reaction. The first Scent Free Zone will be the elevator. When exiting the elevator, an entrance to the Scent Free Area in the Worship Center is thru the Office door. Once in the Worship Center, the seats on each side of the office entrance door are designated for use by only those who have no perfumes, colognes, or scented sprays. We hope that this small step will create a welcoming and safe space for everyone.

## Serve Our Community



The American Red Cross is our featured Sustainable Mission Partner for February. James Jarvis, the Executive Director of the Cape Fear Area Chapter, will be speaking at our Worship Service on February 9. Please join us in welcoming him and learning how we can support this very important assistance organization.



**Volunteers Needed:** If you have an hour to spare on Friday, February 14th, please consider volunteering to assist with the semi-annual blood drive sponsored by the bridge and Town of Leland at Leland Town Hall. Volunteers help with greeting donors, signing in donors and distributing snacks. A sign up sheet is in the lobby.



Also, please spread the word about the blood drive to potential donors. To date, we have 11 people who have pre-registered for the 40 slots that the Red Cross has asked us to fill.

## From our Sustainable Partner in the Congo

### Sheppard & Lapsley Presbyterian University of the Congo (U.PRE.CO.)



Dear brother Doug hi,  
We are in the process of renovating the administrative building of our University with local means. The Lord is helping us. Our Students are preparing for the first semester exams in two weeks. Greetings to friends of your Church. Attached the images.

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Simon Kabue Mbala  
Professeur du Nouveau Testament  
Recteur à l'UPRECO



### Fast Food Cards Needed for Clients of Streetreach

Brunswick County Streetreach is a 100% Volunteer Faith-Based Organization that provides assistance to the homeless in Brunswick County. Donna and Garry Phelps organize emergency food, clothing, shelter, resource assistance and fellowship to these individuals to meet their tangible needs, and create opportunities for empowerment. Many homeless seniors, veterans and families were displaced by storms and are still unable to find affordable housing. Currently, about 24 individuals per week are being housed at a motel on Oak Island during Streetreach's Winter Nights Program. Area Churches are assisting with meals and transportation, but fast food cards for \$5 and \$10 are needed when these individuals go to jobs.

If you feel called to help this Sustainable Mission Partner of the bridge, please put your donations in the glass jar which will be provided on Sundays through February.

Thank you for your generosity,  
Your Mission Team



UPCOMING DATES :

**Thur. Feb 13 - Distribution** Midnight until Food runs out or 8:00 am

Sign up to pack or distribute on the BFA Volunteer Hub.

Be sure to wear your **bridge** T-shirt! If you need one - see Wanda in the office



## **Disaster Recovery Update**

### **Classes**

4 hour "Heartsaver" first aid, CPR, and AED training sessions will be held on Tuesdays March 24th at 5:30 pm and Saturdays February 15th and March 25th at 10:00 am in the USO Community Center building on the Corner of 2nd and Orange Streets in Wilmington. A valid photo ID is required. The cost is \$63.95 plus an additional \$19.95 for the training manual. Anyone interested should contact Mike Weldon (518-269-7107) about registration details.

## **Belong to a Small Group**

Our new Sermon Based Small Groups (SBSG) will begin the week of March 1st. The Series **The Gospel of Mark : Unexpected Good News** will run for 7 weeks; through the week of April 12th.

There will be a meeting for "training and information" for facilitators at 1:00 pm on Tuesday Feb 11th in Room A.

These are the current SBSG scheduled and sign up sheets will be on the table in the hall beginning Sunday Feb 9th.

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### **Leland House Valentine's Day Craft**

Our Craft Day at Leland House Assisted Living and Memory Care Facility will be Monday, February 10, at 2:00p.m. in the Activities Room. We need volunteers to help the residents with a simple craft, to serve refreshments, and to enjoy a time of fellowship.

If you would like to join us in this mission of the bridge, Leland House is located at 1935 Lincoln Rd. NE in Leland. All are welcome! Contact Patti Pirher if you have questions. [Ppirher@gmail.com](mailto:Ppirher@gmail.com)

## **Cherish Children**

bridge Builders, our Sunday morning children's program, is located in suite 206 during the 10:30 service. A nursery for infants and toddlers is also provided during the 10:30 service

### **Sunday Feb. 9th:**



**Teacher:** Tom Broadwater

**Toddlers/Babies:** Judy Hogg and Gidget Karlof



The bridge's Cub Scout Pack will hold its annual Pinewood Derby on Saturday, February 22, 2020 in the activity center of the First Baptist Church of Leland beginning at 10:00 a.m. We would like to support Pack 118 by hosting a small concession stand to help the pack raise money for summer camp scholarships. Donations of bottles of 8 oz. waters, individually wrapped chips, snack crackers and cookies, or time to work the concession stand are appreciated. A sign up sheet to help out at the concession stand is on the table in the lobby. Snack donations can be left in room 206. Please see Patti Pirher or Elizabeth Murray for more information.

# Parents Night Out

Wanting to make special dinner reservations? Planning a quiet evening in? Hoping for some time to just relax and re-energize? Praying someone will volunteer to watch the kids on Valentine's Day?

The bridge Presbyterian Church has got you covered with no cover charge! Drop the kiddos off for a fun-filled evening of crafts, games, pizza and a movie!  
(PJ's, blankies, and stuffed animals welcomed)

Friday, February 14 from 5:30 - 8:30  
The bridge Presbyterian Church, Room 206  
Registration: [thebridgepres@gmail.com](mailto:thebridgepres@gmail.com) , or [efmurray1975@gmail.com](mailto:efmurray1975@gmail.com)

Contact Elizabeth Murray for more information  
at (910)471-4999 or [efmurray1975@gmail.com](mailto:efmurray1975@gmail.com)



## Misc. Announcements

### From the Hospitality Team

The Hospitality Team has organized the kitchen and refrigerator and ask for your help in keeping it tidy. Our visitors see this area and we want to make a good impression. Your help is appreciated. Also, we are in need of some basic kitchen items. A list is on the bulletin board in the kitchen. If you have a spare at home, please consider donating it to the kitchen and cross it off the list. Your Hospitality Team thanks you!!

## Celebrating Birthdays at the bridge



### February

Bob Harper	4
Peggy Robertson	6
Patty Lyerly	17
Bob Dixon	18
Cathy Purves	18
Charlynnne Caillaud	19
Wanda Batten	20



### **Sweets for Your Sweet: Equal Exchange Valentine's Specials**

Valentine's Day is fast approaching! This year give your Valentine a sweet treat that both helps support some 1.5 million small-scale farmers in 30 countries and says to those you love and care about: "You are very special to me."

On Sundays February 2<sup>nd</sup> and February 9<sup>th</sup>, we will be selling two Valentine-themed Equal Exchange chocolate gifts for \$5.00 each:

**Valentine Boxes** (16 dark or milk chocolate minis);

**Decorative Tie Bags** (20 dark or milk chocolate minis);

and

**Chocolate Bars** (your choice of flavors at two for \$5.50, a savings of \$.50, or single bars at \$3.00 each).

As a reminder, your Equal Exchange purchases support both the Presbyterian Small Farmers Fund (15 cents for each pound sold) and *help defray the costs of our Sunday coffee service*.

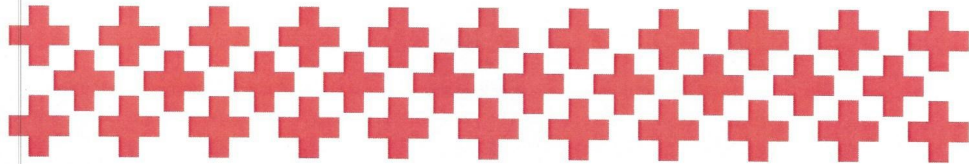
No pre-orders are necessary, but should you want to order ahead, we'll have your order ready on either February 2 or February 9. Checks or cash appreciated. Contacts: Sandy Sears at [sloct@yahoo.com](mailto:sloct@yahoo.com) and Jane Jones at [auntiej1963@gmail.com](mailto:auntiej1963@gmail.com).



## **Bridge Community Bulletin Board**

**American Red Cross**

*Give blood.* Help save lives.



**Leland Community Blood Drive**  
**Sponsored by The Bridge Presbyterian Church**  
**& the Leland Community**

Held at Leland Town Hall  
In the Cape Fear Training Room  
102 Town Hall Drive

**Friday, February 14, 2020**  
**10:00 AM – 3:30 PM**

Please visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor keyword: Leland  
to make an appointment or contact Clyde Queen.

All donors must have a picture ID and please come well hydrated.

Visit [www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass](http://www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass) on the day of the drive to answer  
the online health history questions to decrease wait time.

We need all eligible donors!

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**KIWANIS CLUB OF NORTH BRUNSWICK**

*"...Improving the world, one child and one community at a time."*

# **Pancake Breakfast**



**Includes: Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon;  
Juice, Milk, Coffee or Tea**  
(Coffee donated by Port City Java, Waterford Plaza)

**When: Saturday, Feb 15<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 – 11:00 am**  
**Where: Blossoms Restaurant at Magnolia Greens**  
**Ticket Sales: Adults \$10; Children \$7**  
**Children under 3 – Free**

Tickets are available from Kiwanis Members or at the door. For more information contact Judy Bath at: [jannbath@hotmail.com](mailto:jannbath@hotmail.com)

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Brunswick County*